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Alabama it seems has about succeeded in drying up the damp spots in that state.

The county commissioners of Suwannee county have reduced the tax levy. Good.—Orlando Sentinel.

There are five candidates for United States Senator now and several counties yet to hear from.

The Democrats of Florida will get the short end of the division of the census enumeration pie.]

Bro. McFarlin is "making good" with the Quincy Times and is giving that fine old town a bright, newsy paper.

The sentiment in favor of supplying Live Oak with Suwannee Springs water is as nearly unanimous as any question of this nature could be.

The battleship Florida will be the queen of the navy and Florida must give it a silver service worthy of a queen.—Tampa Times.

One hundred thousand dollars spent in new buildings and public improvements in Live Oak for the past year is not so very bad after all.

The Tampa Times grows better every day. It is one of the best daily newspapers in the State and is doing a great work for the hustling city of Tampa.

If Luther Burbank's efforts to produce a seedless watermelon means that he proposes to make it all heart, here's success to him and quick returns.—Washington Herald.

The Bartow Courier-Informant, one of the best papers in all Florida would like to have an opportunity to support Attorney-General Park Trammell for United States Senator.

South Florida is grooming its gifted son, Hon. Park M. Trammell, the present Attorney-General of the State, to enter the spring primary for United States Senator.—DeLand Record.

If "Claude," the "I" of state press fame, goes a hunting for the senatorial toga in an auto would it be out of place for Broward, the "I" of drainage to go hunting for it on a dredge?—Orlando Reporter Star.

James R. Garfield, son of the late President Garfield, may be nominated by the Republicans of Ohio to make the race against Governor Harmon, whom the Democrats will probably nominate for a second term.

Mr. Taft's message to the country about the new tariff bill somehow reminds one of that cheerful party who meets you the morning after and in response to your anxiously inquiring look, says "Oh! brace up. You don't look so—bad!"

Do you favor supplying the city with water from the celebrated Suwannee Springs? Don't you think it would be a paying investment? The cost of putting down the pipe would be trifling as compared with the benefits to be derived therefrom.

Congressman Frank Clark may not be very popular with the politicians in Pennsylvania and Illinois, but with voters of this, the 2nd congressional district of Florida, he is more popular than ever before and he will prove a very hard man to defeat.

Foreign crops, according to a bulletin of the United States Department of Agriculture, are in a bad way. Europe, as a whole, will have to get food stuffs very largely from the United States. This will give pleasure to the Western wheat growers, but at the same time it means a still higher cost of living to the vast majority of American wage earners.

The Norfolk, Va., Lankmark says: "Pity the poor editor who is rash enough to tell the truth! His only friends are Mr. Consumer and Mr. Good Citizen, both of whom are regarded as jokes by the 'public servant' who run things nowadays."

There is not a desirable dwelling vacant in the city. There may be a few small cottages vacant, but the better class of dwellings are all occupied and the supply is nothing like equal to the demand. Twenty or thirty modern homes in the best residential parts of the city to rent at from \$18 to \$25 per month would be taken in a day.

A company composed of Walter Ray, of Martel, and other well known Marion county capitalists will build a line of railroad from Ocala to Dunnellon. It will be called the Ocala and Southwestern railroad. Walter Ray, who is connected with this railroad is one of the best business men in Florida, and has made good in every business he has ever undertaken. He knows no such word as fail.

The Philadelphia Record says: "We make the suggestion that the prices may be high because people have been spending money pretty freely. Every producer is getting as much as he can; if the customers are 'easy' he gets good prices; when the customers buy sparingly and only the cheaper things, the producer has to cut prices to get rid of his goods. If the great masses of the people cannot or will not pay high prices for things the prices will probably come down to what they are willing to pay."—Savannah News.

The government wanted to rent a piece of land near Washington for the purpose of making tests of flying machines. The land is practically worthless for any other purpose than flying over; but when the owner ascertained that the government desired the use of it he raised the rental 300 per cent., which would be at the rate of 10 per cent. on about 1,000 times the value at which the land is returned for taxation. The spirit of this particular land owner is all too common in many parts of the country. As soon as the owner learns that his land is wanted for any sort of purpose, he sends the price sky-high. If the tax-levying authorities could follow up such incidents and make the owners pay taxes on such valuations it would be a good thing for progress and the public funds.—Savannah News.

Gradually the anti-fee pass law is being emasculated. We have already seen railroad commissioners riding free. An act has been passed permitting policemen and firemen to ride on street cars free. Another act has been passed permitting railroads to give passes to former employees who had rendered faithful service. Now there is a proposition that Confederate veterans shall have free transportation. At the next session of the Legislature, so it is said, a bill will be introduced to restore the half-rate privilege to ministers of the Gospel. And so it goes.—Savannah Morning News. The day of freak legislation is fast passing away, and in Florida, as in Georgia, the anti-free pass laws will soon be repealed along with a "lot" of other needless and unnecessary laws.

One of the newspaper squibs which is going the rounds of the press is entitled "The Perfect Man." It emanates from the fertile brain of a North Carolina editor and shows not only the quality of verse, but the state of mind which prevails today among the Tar Heels:

There is a man who never drinks,
Nor smokes, nor chews, nor swears;
Who never gambles, never flirts
And shuns all sinful snares—

He's paralyzed!

There is a man who never does
A thing that is not right;
His wife can tell just where he is
At morning, noon and night—

He's dead!

The Gainesville Sun learns that Col. W. M. Toomer, of Jacksonville, contemplates making the race for Congress against Frank Clark, and adds: "Colonel Toomer is reputed to possess a comfortable fortune, a portion of which he is willing to part with for the honor of going to Congress." The Tribune's belief is that he will not only part with a considerable portion of his fortune but a larger portion of his self-esteem if he ventures into the political arena against Frank Clark—and this is said without disparagement to Colonel Toomer, who is a deserving, able, self-made man, rising in a comparatively few years from official court reporter of a Georgia circuit to a high position at the bar and financial affluence.—Tampa Tribune.

FREAK LEGISLATION.

After all, there is some degree of relative satisfaction in the knowledge that Georgia is not the only state in the Union whose legislature has contributed to the merriment of the public during these sultry midsummer months, when the mercury is hovering in the neighborhood of bloodheat.

There are others.

Indeed, most of the states seem to have chosen humorists to represent them at the seats of legislation.

And if Georgia is after the palm, The New York World is kind enough to say that the old Empire State of the South will have to bestir herself.

The metropolitan newspaper adds:

"How can Georgia hope to compare with Oklahoma, where a hotel may not use any receptacle for food which has cracks visible to the naked eye, nor cover any bed with a sheet less than nine feet long; where Senator Landrum's bill protects the feelings of the aborigines by forbidding the use of wooden Indians as cigar store signs under penalty of \$50 and six month's imprisonment? Kansas will still be a few leaps ahead with its acts forbidding drinking on railway trains and the running of motor vehicles at illegal rates of speed except by a 'political chauffeur,' who may 'run an automobile band wagon at any rate he sees fit compatible with the safety of the occupants thereof.'

"In Illinois a bill was introduced 'to establish a new mathematical truth, viz, the squaring of the circle.' A Western legislator has endeavored to make it unlawful for any druggist to sell a patent medicine 'unless there be affixed in a conspicuous place in his store an affidavit stating that he has tried one bottle of the mixture and experienced no harmful effects therefrom.' Another has sought to have it declared under pains and penalties that every hotel menu should be printed in English, another that every saloon must have a red light in front with the word 'danger' inscribed thereon, while still another act provides that 'it shall be unlawful to discharge any rifle or revolver in the public highways unless to kill some wild, ferocious or dangerous beast, or an officer in discharge of his duty.' In the Lone Star State it is solemnly enacted that 'the skies of Texas are as blue as the skies of Italy.'"

The foregoing inventory shows that Georgia is not alone in the effort which she is making to entertain, by statutory enactment, the great masses, who must be amused even at the expense of the time-honored traditions which have dedicated the law-making power to the oracles of sober wisdom.—Atlanta Georgian.

ANTI-CIGARETTE LEGISLATION.

Under the terms of a law which went into effect in the State of Minnesota on August 1 last, it becomes a misdemeanor in that state either to sell or to give away cigarettes or cigarette papers.

For some time past there has been in progress in the Middle West a crusade of the most persistent type against this recognized menace to the youth of the land, but the Minnesota statute is the most drastic and radical measures which has yet been enacted in the wake of this movement of reform.

Laws of similar purport but less stringent in character have been operative both in Wisconsin and in Indiana for some months.

On July 1 an anti-cigarette law went into effect in Iowa.

In Mississippi a law intended to regulate the evil forbids cigarette smoking by minors in public places.

To a limited extent the cigarette has also been the subject of adverse legislation in Nebraska, Illinois and Michigan.

One of Chicago's leading philanthropists has announced that he will make no donation to colleges which tolerate cigarette smoking by students.

Rear Admiral Shroder has urgently recommended that cigarettes be not carried among the supplies for American naval vessels.

And in the new act of the British parliament for the protection of children, constables are empowered to confiscate cigarettes in the possession of boys under sixteen.

From this hasty bird's-eye view of the field it looks as if public sentiment is everywhere crystallizing into a demand for the outlawing of the cigarette; and it seems to be fated to go.—Atlanta Georgian.

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